







CYBER FORCE ARTIFACTS

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CONTINUE. RAISE
THE AGGRESSION
LEVEL.

I NEED TO
BREAK A
SWEAT





HZZZT!



MADAME
CHARWOMAN, WE
HAVE NEWS OF
STRYKER.

AND THE
DARKNESS.





WATER.

APHRODITE V HAS
TOLD US STRYKER
IS COMING. WITH
YOUR PRIZE.

OF course,
Madame
Chairwoman.

Water.
Sparkling. Two
ice-cubes.



APHRODITE V
IS FLAMED.
DOMINIQUE HAS
OVERCOME MY
CONDITIONING.

STRYKER
MAKES MY LIFE
DIFFICULT.



STRYKER WILL
NOT SIMPLY HAND ME THE
SARCOPHAGUS. IF HE'S
COMING HERE HE'S
LOOKING FOR A FIGHT.
OR A BARGAIN.

HE WANTS VELOCITY. HE
FEARS MY VISION FOR HER.
GOOD "DADDY" THAT
HE IS.



HE MAY BE
COMING ALONE.
CYBERFORCE
MAY BE WITH HIM.
APHRODITE V
WASN'T CLEAR.

A comic book panel featuring a woman with long brown hair, wearing a red and black costume with a wide black belt. She is holding a tray with a drink and ice cubes. She has a serious expression. In the background, there are vertical bars. To her right, the back of a man's head and shoulders are visible. There are three speech bubbles: one in the top left, and two stacked in the top right.

Sparkling. Two
ice-cubes.

THERE IS NO
PEACE WITHOUT
THE PURSUIT
OF POWER,
BOHMAN.

AND
POWER REQUIRES
SACRIFICE.
STRYKER'S NEVER
UNDERSTOOD
THAT LIFE COMES
DOWN TO ONE
QUESTION...



WHO WILL GUIDE
THE FUTURE? HOW WILL
WE LEAVE THIS EARTH
BETTER THAN WHEN WE
FOUND IT~

Do you require
anything else,
Madame Chairwoman?

OR PERHAPS
THE KEY IS NEVER
LEAVING THIS EARTH
AT ALL.





IMMORTALITY,
MADAME? THAT'S
WHY YOU WANT THE
DARKNESS?



I WANT IT
BECAUSE IT
EXISTS...AND IT
HAS ENDURED.

EVERYTHING IS
TECHNOLOGY, BOWMAN.
EVEN SORCERY. IF THE
DARKNESS HAS MARCHED
THROUGH THIS MUCH
TIME, AND HELD THIS MUCH
POWER, THERE'S ONLY
ONE CONCLUSION
I CAN DRAW.





IT HAS
MARCHED
THROUGH
TIME TO
FIND ME.

BECAUSE
CLEARLY I AM THE



ONLY PERSON
WORTHY OF WHAT
IT IS.



I AM
TO ASSUME OUR
PROTOTYPES
ARE READY FOR A
FIELD TEST?



YES MADAME
CHAIRWOMAN, THEY
HAVE MET YOUR
SPECIFICATIONS.





Perhaps you would like
some protein after your
exertion regiment? May
I suggest also including
a few carbohydrates
as well--

BOWMAN--





SHKKKT

SKIZZ

BUILD ME ANOTHER
CUSTODIAN DROID. MAKE
THIS ONE INCAPABLE
OF SPEECH.

AS YOU
WISH MADAME

CHAIRWOMAN

AND WELCOME
STRYKER AND THE
DARKNESS TO US. ALONG
WITH WHOMEVER HE BRINGS
WITH HIM. WE WILL LISTEN TO
HIM. WE WILL DISCOVER WHAT
HE WANTS IN EXCHANGE FOR
THE DARKNESS.

THEN WE'LL
IGNORE ALL OF IT
AND SEE IF THESE
THINGS CAN KILL
HIM.



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